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discuss the world

It's pretty obvious that you and your friends are going to be around longer than your parents, teachers and other adults in your life. This is YOUR planet and there's no escaping the fact that YOU are the future. There is so much information available about the environmental problems we all face and what you can do to make sure you and the Earth have a future to look forward to. Find out all you can about what is happening to the environment and talk about it at home, at school and with your friends. So search the web, read newspapers and watch movies. It's not too late. You and your friends can turn things around. That's why we say: 'Discuss the world – it matters!'



Read newspapers and watch the news to keep up-to-date with what's happening to the environment.

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Photo: Tom Millner & Adam Proctor 'Cultivating Crabs', recycled farm parts
Photo by Jack Bett, Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, 2004.

Another way of appreciating the world with your friends is to enjoy art inspired by the environment, or art that is actually in the environment. Most cities regularly have outdoor art shows – Sculpture by the Sea in Sydney and Perth is probably the best known – and most towns have public artworks in parks or main streets. Do you have a favourite public artwork? Do you have an idea for a piece of art you would like to see in your environment – a sculpture, a mural, a graffiti wall? If you do, you could ask your teacher to help you create it or you could approach your local council. All councils have funds available for outdoor art, particularly if it draws attention to how we need to change the way we live to save the planet.

 **Seek permission to create a mural at school or in your local community. If you can't use a wall, create a mural on a long strip of butcher's paper and attach it to your classroom wall, the assembly hall at school, or in the local community hall.**